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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN APRIL 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	APRIL 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,817	12,818	12,803	12,396
Total civilian employment	11,877	11,928	11,950	11,434
Total unemployment	940	890	853	962
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.3	6.9	6.7	7.8
Range[b]	6.6–8.0	6.2–7.6	6.0–7.4	7.1–8.5
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.8
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,705	12,715	12,713	12,291
Total civilian employment	11,784	11,781	11,769	11,345
Total unemployment	921	934	944	946
Unadjusted rate (percent)[c]	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.7
Range[b]	6.6–8.0	6.2–7.6	6.0–7.4	7.1–8.5

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment insurance rate increased from 6.9 percent in March 1985, to 7.3 percent in April 1985. A year ago, in April of 1984, the rate was 7.8 percent. During April 1985, total employment in California decreased by 51,000 from 11,928,000 in March 1985 to 11,877,000 in April. During the same period, unemployment increased by 50,000 rising from 890,000 in March 1985 to 940,000 in April 1985. Over the year since April 1984, total employment has increased from 11,434,000 to 11,877,000. This employment increase of 443,000 represents a gain of approximately 3.9 percent.

During April 1985 total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 37,200. With the exception of manufacturing which reported a decline in employment of 2,700, all major sectors of the California economy reported increases in employment. The largest monthly gain occurred in the services industry which reported a 13,300 increased in employment. During the last twelve months, 356,400 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs have been added to California's economy. This is an increase of 3.4 percent over the year. Since April of 1984, the greatest increase in new jobs, 127,500, was in the services sector, while the largest percentage increase in employment, 8.1 percent, was in the construction industry.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	FEBRUARY 1985	APRIL 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,705	12,715	12,713	12,291
Employed	11,784	11,781	11,769	11,346
Unemployed	921	934	944	946
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.7
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,825	6,779	6,722	6,450
Employed	6,331	6,321	6,305	5,985
Unemployed	495	458	417	465
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.8	6.2	7.2
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,161	5,225	5,278	5,032
Employed	4,857	4,878	4,891	4,683
Unemployed	303	346	388	349
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.6	7.3	6.9
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	720	711	713	810
Employed	596	581	573	676
Unemployed	123	130	139	133
Unemployment Rate	17.2	18.3	19.5	16.4
White				
Labor Force	10,869	10,875	10,835	10,388
Employed	10,122	10,125	10,053	9,664
Unemployed	747	749	782	723
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.0
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,836	1,840	1,878	1,903
Employed	1,662	1,655	1,716	1,682
Unemployed	174	185	162	223
Unemployment Rate	9.5	10.1	8.6	11.7

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984	March 1985	February 1985	March 1984
California	$404.81	$397.20	$388.90	40.4	39.8	40.3	$10.02	$9.98	$9.65

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR APRIL PRELMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH APRIL 85	PREVIOUS MONTH MARCH 85	YEAR AGO APRIL 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,806.2	10,769.0	10,449.8	37.2	356.4	0.3	3.4
Mining	50.1	49.2	49.1	0.9	1.0	1.8	2.0
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.7
Fuel Mining	41.6	40.9	40.9	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.7
Nonmetal Mining	6.9	6.7	6.7	0.2	0.2	3.0	3.0
Construction	459.2	451.0	424.8	8.2	34.4	1.8	8.1
General Building Contractors	119.5	118.8	111.8	0.7	7.7	0.6	6.9
Heavy Construction	61.4	58.0	59.8	3.4	1.6	5.9	2.7
Special Trade Contractors	278.3	274.2	253.2	4.1	25.1	1.5	9.9
Manufacturing	2,055.0	2,057.7	2,031.0	−2.7	24.0	−0.1	1.2
Nondurable Goods	633.5	634.8	637.9	−1.3	−4.4	−0.2	−0.7
Durable Goods	1,421.5	1,422.9	1,393.1	−1.4	28.4	−0.1	2.0
Food and Kindred	161.3	161.0	165.3	0.3	−4.0	0.2	−2.4
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.4	5.3	7.3	0.1	−1.9	1.9	−26.0
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	43.2	42.0	45.3	1.2	−2.1	2.9	−4.6
Other Food and Kindred Products	112.7	113.7	112.7	−1.0	0.0	−0.9	0.0
Textile Mill Products	14.4	14.4	14.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.4
Apparel and Other Textile Products	111.0	112.5	112.5	−1.5	−1.5	−1.3	−1.3
Paper and Allied Products	38.1	38.4	38.5	−0.3	−0.4	−0.8	−1.0
Printing and Publishing	141.0	140.9	136.2	0.1	4.8	0.1	3.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	64.4	64.0	64.3	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.5	28.7	30.3	−0.2	−1.8	−0.7	−5.9
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.7	66.9	67.8	−0.2	−1.1	−0.3	−1.6
Leather and Leather Products	8.1	8.0	8.8	0.1	−0.7	1.2	−8.0
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	53.3	52.4	55.1	0.9	−1.8	1.7	−3.3
Furniture and Fixtures	60.3	60.4	58.9	−0.1	1.4	−0.2	2.4
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	49.7	49.7	51.6	0.0	−1.9	0.0	−3.7
Primary Metal Industries	41.1	41.4	41.8	−0.3	−0.7	−0.7	−1.7
Fabricated Metal Products	141.1	141.0	144.3	0.1	−3.2	0.1	−2.2
Machinery except Electrical	235.5	236.7	237.2	−1.2	−1.7	−0.5	−0.7
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	405.8	408.2	388.0	−2.4	17.8	−0.6	4.6
Transportation Equipment	287.2	285.9	271.6	1.3	15.6	0.5	5.7
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.5	34.7	33.2	−0.2	1.3	−0.6	3.9
Aircraft and Parts	149.7	148.2	138.5	1.5	11.2	1.0	8.1
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	17.3	17.4	19.4	−0.1	−2.1	−0.6	−10.8
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	74.0	74.0	69.2	0.0	4.8	0.0	6.9
Other Transportation Equipment	11.7	11.6	11.3	0.1	0.4	0.9	3.5
Instruments and Related Products	110.1	110.3	106.5	−0.2	3.6	−0.2	3.4
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.4	36.9	38.1	0.5	−0.7	1.4	−1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	549.6	546.6	539.8	3.0	9.8	0.5	1.8
Transportation	309.9	306.6	297.4	3.3	12.5	1.1	4.2
Railroads	23.6	23.8	24.8	−0.2	−1.2	−0.8	−4.8
Trucking and Warehousing	126.2	125.1	119.2	1.1	7.0	0.9	5.9
Other Transportation	160.1	157.7	153.4	2.4	6.7	1.5	4.4
Communications	160.4	161.0	165.5	−0.6	−5.1	−0.4	−3.1
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	79.3	79.0	76.9	0.3	2.4	0.4	3.1
Wholesale Trade	666.9	663.4	630.5	3.5	36.4	0.5	5.8
Retail Trade	1,920.4	1,912.0	1,818.9	8.4	101.5	0.4	5.6
General Merchandise Stores	230.7	232.6	224.8	−1.9	5.9	−0.8	2.6
Food Stores	267.3	270.0	259.9	−2.7	7.4	−1.0	2.8
Other Retail Trade	1,422.4	1,409.4	1,334.2	13.0	88.2	0.9	6.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	703.2	701.6	687.1	1.6	16.1	0.2	2.3
Finance	349.1	349.1	342.7	0.0	6.4	0.0	1.9
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	189.1	188.5	184.5	0.6	4.6	0.3	2.5
Real Estate	147.1	146.1	143.0	1.0	4.1	0.7	2.9
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	17.9	17.9	16.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	5.9
Services	2,629.2	2,615.9	2,501.7	13.3	127.5	0.5	5.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	146.3	144.8	132.3	1.5	14.0	1.0	10.6
Personal Services	124.5	125.9	113.6	−1.4	10.9	−1.1	9.6
Business Services	654.2	652.2	599.8	2.0	54.4	0.3	9.1
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	160.5	160.1	151.0	0.4	9.5	0.2	6.3
Motion Pictures	84.0	79.6	80.1	4.4	3.9	5.5	4.9
Amusement and Recreation Services	115.2	110.2	110.5	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.3
Health Services	621.3	620.1	614.1	1.2	7.2	0.2	1.2
Other Services	723.2	723.0	700.3	0.2	22.9	0.0	3.3
Government	1,772.6	1,771.6	1,766.9	1.0	5.7	0.1	0.3
Federal Government	336.1	335.1	330.3	1.0	5.8	0.3	1.8
State and Local Governments	1,436.5	1,436.5	1,436.6	0.0	−0.1	0.0	−0.0
County	223.6	223.2	218.8	0.4	4.8	0.2	2.2
City	193.1	191.2	188.8	1.9	4.3	1.0	2.3
Education	751.3	751.6	765.8	−0.3	−14.5	−0.0	−1.9
Education State	149.8	149.6	148.3	0.2	1.5	0.1	1.0
Education Local	601.5	602.0	617.5	−0.5	−16.0	−0.1	−2.6
Other State and Local	268.5	270.5	263.2	−2.0	5.3	−0.7	2.0
State exc ed	176.6	176.6	172.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2.2
Special District	91.9	93.9	90.4	−2.0	1.5	−2.1	1.7
Total Agriculture	318.0	280.0	329.4	38.0	−11.4	13.6	−3.5

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
MARCH 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,714,600	11,780,600	934,000	7.3
Alameda	587,150	548,225	38,925	6.6
Alpine	1,100	1,050	50	3.6
Amador	8,150	7,175	975	12.0
Butte	67,600	59,125	8,475	12.5
Calaveras	8,525	7,325	1,200	14.0
Colusa	7,875	6,400	1,475	18.8
Contra Costa	347,200	326,450	20,750	6.0
Del Norte	6,875	5,575	1,300	19.0
El Dorado	47,100	43,200	3,900	8.2
Fresno	286,100	241,300	44,800	15.7
Glenn	10,625	9,000	1,625	15.3
Humboldt	49,250	43,150	6,100	12.4
Imperial	44,550	31,250	13,300	29.8
Inyo	10,750	9,975	775	7.2
Kern	217,400	187,700	29,700	13.7
Kings	30,400	25,975	4,425	14.6
Lake	16,150	13,775	2,375	14.7
Lassen	9,075	7,625	1,450	16.0
Los Angeles	3,896,000	3,641,000	255,000	6.5
Madera	32,050	27,525	4,525	14.1
Marin	126,000	120,950	5,050	4.0
Mariposa	4,575	3,900	675	14.7
Mendocino	32,225	27,900	4,325	13.4
Merced	70,500	58,850	11,650	16.5
Modoc	4,700	4,100	600	12.7
Mono	5,450	5,100	350	6.2
Monterey	147,200	127,300	19,900	13.5
Napa	40,850	37,775	3,075	7.5
Nevada	24,125	21,625	2,500	10.3
Orange	1,327,100	1,276,000	51,100	3.8
Placer	62,800	58,000	4,800	7.6
Plumas	7,775	6,050	1,725	22.3
Riverside	293,100	269,400	23,700	8.1
Sacramento	411,900	381,500	30,400	7.4
San Benito	12,125	9,250	2,875	23.6
San Bernardino	391,400	363,900	27,500	7.0
San Diego	897,300	848,100	49,200	5.5
San Francisco	397,800	374,550	23,250	5.8
San Joaquin	176,100	149,500	26,600	15.1
San Luis Obispo	81,700	76,600	5,100	6.2
San Mateo	332,550	319,700	12,850	3.9
Santa Barbara	170,700	159,900	10,800	6.3
Santa Clara	897,600	853,100	44,500	5.0
Santa Cruz	102,000	89,800	12,200	11.9
Shasta	53,275	44,850	8,425	15.8
Sierra	1,100	800	300	26.9
Siskiyou	16,725	13,350	3,375	20.2
Solano	104,550	95,025	9,525	9.1
Sonoma	159,000	147,800	11,200	7.1
Stanislaus	135,700	110,300	25,400	18.7
Sutter	23,775	17,975	5,800	24.4
Tehama	15,800	13,325	2,475	15.7
Trinity	5,500	4,275	1,225	22.1
Tulare	128,100	108,600	19,500	15.2
Tuolumne	15,050	12,900	2,150	14.3
Ventura	273,300	255,200	18,100	6.6
Yolo	61,000	53,800	7,200	11.8
Yuba	20,175	16,575	3,600	17.8

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.